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For: EXPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR	)	
TRANSCRIPTION OF	)	
FUNCTIONAL NUCLEIC ACID	)	

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification,**

**Amendments to the Claims, and**

**Amendments to the Abstract** are included in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.